Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota

Office Of The Governor

WHEREAS, During World War II, nurses were in short supply and it became necessary to assign the "desk" duties to the new "floor clerk" position; and,

WHEREAS, In the last 50 years, this occupation has been known nationally by as many as 75 titles and is now recognized as Health Unit Coordinator; and,

WHEREAS, The National Association of Health Unit Coordinators (NAHUC), founded in 1980, totals over three thousand members in more than fifty national chapters and over 12,500 Certified Health Unit Coordinators nationwide; and,

WHEREAS, The National Association of Health Unit Coordinators shall conduct themselves in such a manner as to gain the respect and confidence of the patients, health care personnel and the community, as well as respecting the human dignity of each individual; and,

WHEREAS, Members of the National Association of Health Unit Coordinators shall strive to achieve and maintain a high level of competency; and,

WHEREAS, Each member shall strive to improve their knowledge and skills by participating in educational activities and sharing the benefits of their attainments with their colleagues; and,

WHEREAS, In January of 1990, representatives from four area hospitals joined together to form the Dakota Prairieland Chapter; and,

WHEREAS, 1990 celebrates the 50th anniversary of the profession of Health Unit Coordinator and the 10th anniversary of the National Association of Health Unit Coordinators:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, GEORGE S. MICKELSON, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim August 23, 1990, as

NATIONAL HEALTH UNIT COORDINATOR DAY

in South Dakota, and commend these health care professionals for the vital and valuable service they deliver to their communities.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Twenty-Fifth Day of June, in the Year of Our Lord, Nineteen Hundred and Ninety

GEORGE S. MICKELSON, GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

JOYCE HAZELTINE, SECRETARY OF STATE